

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC)

In order to achieve permanency planning for some children, placements are sought in the homes of parents, relatives, foster homes, adoptive homes, and/or residential treatment facilities in other states. Likewise, other states seek placement of children with similar resources in Missouri.

These placements are made under the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), which is law in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This arrangement assists in providing home studies, placement supervision, and regular reporting after an out-of-state placement.

A similar arrangement is in effect to ensure medical coverage for children in out-of-state placements through the Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance (ICAMA).

The ICPC Unit, based in Central Office, handles all such activities, as Missouri is a member state of this compact. In SFY-04, 3,281 children were served, which included 720 requests for services from other states for Missouri children, and 867 out-of-state requests for Missouri services on behalf of children from other states. In SFY-03, 2,666 children were served which included 448 requests for services for Missouri children and 829 out-of-state requests for Missouri services on behalf of children from other states.